

2024 ILCA BAHAMAS OPEN NATIONALS

18 & 19 May, 2024

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NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:

Nassau Yacht Club in co-operation with the Bahamas International Laser Class Association and the Bahamas Sailing Association

1. RULES:

The event will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024*
- 1.2 The International Laser Class Association (ILCA) Rules
- 1.3 The BSA prescribes that RRS Part 4, Rule 40 will apply with regard to the wearing of personal flotation devices at all times while afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.4 Appendix P Special Procedures for Rule 42 shall apply with the following amendments:
P2.1 When a boat is penalized under rule P1.2 her penalty shall be a two-Turns Penalty under rule 44.2. If she fails to take the penalty she shall be disqualified without a hearing.
P2.2, P2.3 and P2.4 are deleted in their entirety.

2. ADVERTISING:

- 2.1 Advertising is permitted in accordance with *World Sailing Regulation 20*
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ENTRY & ELIGIBILITY:

- 3.1 Bahamian and non-Bahamian competitors are eligible to compete. Competitors are eligible by completing the registration form.
- 3.2 Competitors must be paid up members of the ILCA class.

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4. REGISTRATION & FEES:

- 4.1 Registration will be at The Nassau Yacht Club between 8:00 am and 9.00 am on Saturday September 18th, 2024.
- 4.2 The registration fee is \$35 and is due at the time of registration by cash or cheque payable to *The Bahamas Sailing Association*.
- 4.3 Regatta fees do not cover lunch expenses. Coaches and competitors are responsible for making their own arrangements accordingly.

5. EVENT FORMAT:

- 5.1 There will be three ILCA fleets racing, comprising ILCA4, ILCA6 and ILCA7.
- 5.2 If any fleet has 4 or more entries, the Organizing Authority may also decide to score or sail that fleet separately.
- 5.3 Six races are planned for the event. A minimum of three races is required for the series to stand and the worst score will be dropped if five or more races are completed.

6. SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 18th

- 0800 - 0900 - Registration at The Nassau Yacht Club
- 0900 - Skippers Meeting
- 1030 - Warning Signal – 1st Race
- Races to follow

Sunday, May 19th

- 1000 - Warning Signal
- Races to follow
- There will be no warning signal after 1330 on Sunday
- 1500 - Presentation at The Nassau Yacht Club

7. MEASUREMENT:

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There will be no measurement of boats or equipment. Sailors are expected to abide by the class rules. There may be inspection by Race Committee officials at random.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The SI's will be available at registration and on the official noticeboard.

9. VENUE:

9.1 The Nassau Yacht Club is the host club.

9.2 Sailing will be in Montagu Bay

10. COURSES:

10.1 The course to be sailed will be an outer trapezoid with windward finish.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM:

11.1 RRS RULES 31, 44.1 & 44.2 will be in effect for this event.

11.2 A boat that has taken a penalty shall report it to RC immediately after finishing that race.

12. SCORING:

The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

13.1 Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4 (RRS) *Decision to Race*. The organizing authority, sponsors, the race committee, officers and Board of NYC will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

13.2. All competitors must turn in a signed waiver before racing. Competitors under 18 years of age must have the waiver signed by a parent or guardian.

14. SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY:

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- 14.1 The parent, guardian or designated adult is responsible for the safety of their child/sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.
- 14.2 Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.
- 14.3 The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after the regatta.

15. PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers overall, the top three finishers in ILCA 7, ILCA 6 and ILCA 4 and the top female overall.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

ILCA BAHAMAS
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